SEPTEMBER 1993: UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, VENEZUELA HAS PROHIBITED THE IMPORTATION OF SWINE AND PORCINE GERMPLASM ORIGINATING FROM THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE REPORTED THE OCCURRENCE OF PORCINE RESPIRATORY AND REPRODUCTIVE SYNDROME.

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# IMPORT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF VENEZUELA FOR SWINE EXPORTED FROM THE UNITED STATES

The animals must be accompanied by a U.S. Origin Health Certificate issued by a veterinarian so authorized by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and endorsed by a Veterinary Services veterinarian. The certificate shall contain the name and address of the consignor and consignee, and complete identification of the animals to be exported. Additional information shall include:

#### CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

- 1) The United States is free of foot-and-mouth disease, African swine fever, hog cholera, swine vesicular disease and vesicular exanthema.
- 2) The animals originate from herds in which atrophic rhinitis, erysipelas and trichinosis have not been officially diagnosed within the past 12 months.
- 3) The animals originate from farms officially free of brucellosis and pseudorabies.
- 4) The animals will be transported to the port of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.
- 5) After due inquiry, I am satisfies that the swine to be exported have not been fed garbage at any time.

## TEST REQUIREMENTS

The animals were negative to tests for the following diseases within 30 days of exportation:

- 1) Brucellosis: Standard tube test at the 1:25 dilution.
- 2) Leptospirosis: Microtiter agglutination test at the 1:100 dilution for <u>L. pomona</u>, <u>L. icterohemmorrhagiae</u>, <u>L. grippotyphosa</u>, <u>L. canicola</u>, and <u>L. bratislava</u>, OR,

## Venezuela/Porcine

Vaccination between 30 days and 14 days prior to export, (date of vaccination and product used must be indicated on the health certificate).

3) Pseudorabies (Aujesky's disease): Serum neutralization (SN) test at the 1:4 dilution, OR ELISA test.

## OTHER INFORMATION

- 1) The animals shall be transported to the port of embarkation in cleaned and disinfected vehicles.
- 2) The endorsed health certificate must be validated at the nearest Venezuelan consulate office.

## EMBARKATION STATEMENT

At the port of embarkation, a VS port veterinarian shall attach to the Origin Health Certificate the Certificate of Inspection of Export Animals (VS Form 17-37) showing:

- 1) The name and address of the consignor.
- 2) The name and address of the consignee.
- 3) The number and species of animals to be shipped.
- 4) A statement that the animals have been given a careful veterinary inspection at the port of embarkation and found to be free from evidence of communicable disease and exposure thereto within 24 hours of exportation.